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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA NOT LIKELY TO SUPPORT USG'S ICAO SEC-GEN
CANDIDATE

REF: A. STATE 11373

[1](#)B. STATE 13518

[1](#)1. Per Reftel A, Econoff met with Under Secretary of Transportation for Commercial Aviation Ricardo Cirielli to discuss the support for the USG's candidate for Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Cirielli told Econoff that Argentina probably would not support the USG's candidate. He said that members of the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC) had agreed during the organization's 69th Executive Committee Meeting in November 2005 that they would support an African candidate for Secretary General provided that only one African candidate seeks the position. Cirielli said that Latin America would support the African candidate in exchange for the continent's support of a Latin American candidate for ICAO Council President.

[1](#)2. Per Reftel B, Econoff will wait for further instructions before raising the issue with the Air Regions Command, which serves as Argentina's civil aviation authority, and the Foreign Ministry's International Organizations Directorate.

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